

FY 2015 YEAR END CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

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What's New for the FY 2015 Close?

These closing instructions have been prepared by the Financial Operations Division of the Department of Finance and Management and were developed to aid departments and Financial Operations in facilitating a timely year end close.

Below is a list of new or different requirements and deadlines in the FY 2015 Year End Closing Instructions from the previous year:

- VISION security including that which has approval access does not need to be renewed for FY 2016.
- All appointing authority and designee's signatures required on Vision security and year end forms must match the signatures on the newly required Delegation of Authority For Signature Authorization Form.
- The name of CAFR-4 has been changed to "Construction/Development in Process" to better reflect the information that is required to be reported on this form.
- Additional guidance has been given regarding the use of "PY" on journal vouchers and adjustment vouchers.
- Additional guidance has been given regarding coding of prior year payables for invoices that span across multiple years.

More information on each of the requirements and deadlines listed above are included in the appropriate section of these Year End Closing Instructions.

We hope that this manual gives departments an understanding of the year end accounting process and a clear outline of the requirements needed for the State of Vermont to successfully close the books and issue the CAFR in a timely and efficient manner. The instructions are indexed by both function and timeline for the users' convenience. If you have any questions regarding the instructions or would like to give us feedback on this document, please contact Ruthellen Doyon, Director of Statewide Accounting at ruthellen.doyon@state.vt.us or 828-0675.

Overview

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

How are the State's Financial Statements Prepared?

Throughout the year, the State of Vermont (State) processes transactions using the statutory basis of accounting, often referred to as the "budgetary basis." For its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), the State reports on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The financial statements are prepared using a modified accrual or accrual basis of accounting, whichever is appropriate. "Basis of accounting" refers to when revenues, expenditures, expenses, and transfers – and the related assets and liabilities – are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. In order to convert VISION data from the budgetary to the GAAP basis, Financial Operations must obtain supplementary information from other state agencies, departments, offices, and boards. It is imperative that the information in VISION is accurate and ledgers are closed timely so that the GAAP conversion can begin.

Once the conversion and the financial statements are complete, the GAAP financial statements and footnotes (CAFR) are forwarded to the Auditors for a thorough audit. The audited CAFR, which includes an independent auditor's report, is made available to the public so that citizens have the opportunity to review the state's overall financial status. Additionally, a timely CAFR is very critical to the State of Vermont's ability to obtain the best bond rating possible. A high bond rating makes the State of Vermont more attractive to potential investors when the state issues General Obligation Bonds.

What Is Required From Departments?

The most important requirement is for departments to closely follow all year end closing instructions and meet all deadlines to ensure the ability to close VISION timely and to ensure the information captured in VISION is correct. Any delay in closing VISION or any further adjustments to VISION transactions due to incorrect or inappropriate data can and will cause significant delays in producing the State's CAFR.

General Guidelines

System Availability

VISION Production will be available to end users from 6:00am to 7:00pm on weekdays and 6:00am to 7:00pm on weekends May 23, 2015 through July 12, 2015. There will be no planned system maintenance during this time and if the status of the weekend availability changes, we will let everyone know as soon as possible. Please be aware that the Finance Support Team and Financial Operations Staff will be available only during normal working hours.

Month End Closing Instructions

All departments are required to follow the Month End Closing Instructions for month ending June 30, 2015 in addition to the FY 2015 Year End Closing Instructions outlined in this document. An exception to the Month End Closing Instructions is that for month ending June 30, 2015 departments must have all transactions (except for adjustment period 998 journals) ready to post on June 30, 2015 but will have until July 14, 2015 to complete some of their reconciliations and all adjustment period 998 journals.

You may find all of the Month End Closing Instructions under VISION Closing Instructions at the following link:

http://finance.vermont.gov/policies_procedures/vision_procedures

Requirements and Deadlines

Departments are responsible for reading this document thoroughly, being aware of all requirements and meeting all deadlines. It is imperative that the requirements and deadlines for all areas in this document are met to ensure a timely closing of the State's FY 2015 books and the production of the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Department Contact – Availability on June 30

Finance requires each Business Unit to provide the name, phone number and e-mail address of a contact who will be available to answer questions or process transactions until 5pm on June 30, 2015. This contact must have the knowledge and security to process transactions in all VISION modules including being able to approve. If Finance has a question about or cannot post a transaction that is required to be ready to post by 4:00pm and Finance cannot get a hold of this contact, we will delete the transaction.

If on June 30, 2015 prior to 5:00pm the contact knows that their business unit has met all of the June 30 processing requirements and that no additional transactions will be entered, they may contact Tanya Jarvis at 802-828-0354. If Tanya confirms that all of the requirements have been met, she will let the contact know that they are no longer required to stay until 5pm.

FY 2016 VISION Security and Approval Authority

All VISION security including that which has approval access at June 30, 2015 will automatically renew and carry forward into FY 2016.

All VISION security forms submitted after June 30, 2015, requesting approval access (i.e., expense coordinator, accounts payable level 2 or 5, GL journal, direct journal, requisition, contract, or purchase order approval), must be signed by an Appointing Authority or designee.

NEW: The appointing authority's signature or designee's signature must match the signature on the department's Delegation of Authority For Signature Authorization Form submitted to the Secretary of Administration's Office per Bulletin 3.3 addendum dated April 20, 2015. If the signature does not match or the form is not on file, the security access request will not be processed.

Spending Authority and Appropriations

FY 2015 Spending Authority

DAB 26 Transfer Forms and Excess Receipt Forms

FY 2015 DAB26 Transfer Forms and Excess Receipt Forms requesting spending authority to cover remaining FY 2015 expenditures, including payroll expenditures, are due in the Department of Finance and Management's Budget and Management Office by **June 16, 2015**.

Special Fund Spending Authority Transfer Request Forms

FY 2015 Special Fund Spending Authority Transfer Request Forms requesting spending authority to cover remaining FY 2015 expenditures, including payroll expenditures, are due in Financial Operations by **June 26, 2015**.

Demand Driven Spending Authority Requests

FY 2015 Demand Driven Spending Authority requests to cover remaining FY 2015 expenditures including payroll are due in Financial Operations by **June 26, 2015**.

Spending Authority Monitoring

FY 2015 accounts payable vouchers and other expenditure type transactions should not be entered into VISION during the final business days of FY 2015 unless there is sufficient spending authority available in your FY 2015 budget to cover them. Check organizational budgets and appropriation balances before entering these types of transactions.

Organizational Budget Journals

FY 2015 organizational budget journals entered after June 30, 2015 must be entered with a June 30, 2015 date. If the date of the journal is not changed to June 30, 2015, the budget journal will be unposted by Financial Operations.

FY 2016 Spending Authority and Appropriations

Appropriations

All **FY 2016 appropriations**, which have not been authorized by law to be made available otherwise, will be available to departments on **July 1, 2015**.

Organizational Budgets

FY 2016 Organizational budgets can be entered by departments beginning **July 1**, **2015**, and must be entered before FY 2016 expenditure transactions can be budget checked.

Do not attempt to enter FY 2016 organizational budgets prior to July 1, 2015.

Demand Driven Spending Authority

Funds (internal service, enterprise, agency, administrative special) that have **demand-driven expenditure authority** must have requests for expenditure authority for FY 2016 submitted to Jamie Sheltra in Financial Operations with Appointing Authority Signature, **no later than June 20, 2015**. All requests received by this date will be processed and the spending authority will be available to departments on July 1, 2015. Requests received after this date will be processed as soon as possible, but are not guaranteed to be available by July 1, 2015.

NEW: The appointing authority's signature or designee's signature must match the signature on the department's Delegation of Authority For Signature Authorization Form submitted to the Secretary of Administration's Office per Bulletin 3.3 addendum dated April 20, 2015. If the signature does not match or the form is not on file, the request will not be processed.

Carry Forward from FY 2015

Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Administration, general, transportation, transportation infrastructure bond and education funds' appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2015 shall be carried forward and shall be reserved for expenditure. **Funds carried forward will be available** to departments, which have an approved carry forward plan, on **July 17, 2015**. More detailed information from the Budget Office of the Department of Finance and Management regarding carry forward plans will follow.

Unexpended FY 2015 expenditure authority in **Bond Funds** will carry forward to FY 2016 and will be available on **July 17, 2015**.

Unexpended FY 2015 expenditure authority in all other funds will not carry forward to FY 2016 unless specifically authorized to do so by legislative language. Excess receipt requests must be submitted to the Budget Office of the Department of Finance and Management for approval before remaining FY 2015 expenditure authority will be reestablished in funds not authorized to be carried forward.

Organizational Budget and Chartfield Changes

FY 2016 Organizational Budget Structure Changes

Organizational budget structure refers to whether departments enter their organizational budgets at the appropriation level deptid or lower level deptid's. Changes to organizational budget structure can only occur at the start of each fiscal year.

Changes to your FY 2016 Organizational Budget Structure must be submitted in writing to <u>VISION-ChartfieldRequests@state.vt.us</u> by May 15, 2015. Any changes requested after May 15, 2015 will be performed only as time permits.

FY 2016 Chartfield and Payroll Combo Code Changes

All known chartfield changes or additions including payroll combo codes for FY 2016 must be submitted on a Chartfield Maintenance Request Form to <u>VISION-ChartfieldRequests@state.vt.us</u> by **May 15, 2015**. Any changes requested after May 15, 2015 will be performed as time permits.

VISION Transactions

Travel Authorizations

FY 2015 Travel Authorizations

Do not enter a travel authorization in VISION prior to July 1, 2015 unless at least one of the following is true:

- A cash advance is needed prior to July 1, 2015.
- The first travel date is on or prior to July 1, 2015 and the travel requires an approved VISION travel authorization per Bulletin 3.4. http://aoa.vermont.gov/sites/aoa/files/AOA-Bulletin3_4-May-13-13.pdf

VISION travel authorizations without a cash advance needed, but required per Bulletin 3.4 for travel dates that begin July 1, 2015 or prior must be **approved by 4:00pm Tuesday June 30, 2015**.

VISION travel authorizations for cash advances that are needed prior to July 1, 2015 must be approved and the cash advance entered and approved for payment by 7:45am on Tuesday June 30, 2015.

All approved FY 2015 travel authorizations in VISION will be **closed at the end of the day on June 30, 2015** by the Department of Finance and the encumbrances liquidated. Travel Authorization encumbrances will not carry forward to the new fiscal year.

All saved or submitted but not yet approved FY 2015 travel authorizations in VISION must be deleted by the employee or delegate or returned to the employee if submitted and then **deleted by 4:00pm on Tuesday June 30, 2015**. These travel authorizations will need to be re-entered and submitted for approval by the employee in FY 2016 if a cash advance is needed or if the VISION travel authorization is required by Bulletin 3.4.

Year End Clean up

Prior to June 30, 2015, please run the VT_MER_TA_OPEN_ENC for your business unit. This query will list all travel authorizations that have not been marked as closed. This means that an expense report has not been entered against the travel authorization. For each TA listed, do the following:

- 1. If the travel has been completed and the employee has not entered an expense report, have the employee enter the expense report from the travel authorization. The expense report must be approved for payment by 4:00pm June 30, 2015.
- 2. If an expense report has already been entered but it was not created from the TA, please have the employee or delegate cancel the TA under: Travel and Expense Center > Travel Authorizations > Cancel.

The steps above need to be completed by **4:00pm June 30, 2015**.

Helpful Hint: The VT_MER_TA_OPEN_ENC query should be run in conjunction with the VT PO Budgetary Activity Report to reconcile to the encumbrance amount on your budget.

FY 2016 Travel Authorizations

FY 2016 travel authorizations may be entered beginning **July 1, 2015**.

Cash Advances

FY 2015 Cash Advances

FY 2015 cash advances that have been approved for payment by 7:45am, June 30, 2015 will be picked up for payment in that day's paycycle.

All FY 2015 cash advances must be approved for payment by 4:00pm June 30, 2015.

If the cash advance cannot be approved for payment, then it must be deleted by the employee or delegate or returned to the employee if submitted and then **deleted by 4:00pm June 30, 2015**.

FY 2016 Cash Advances

FY 2016 cash advances may be entered beginning **July 1, 2015**.

Expense Reports

FY 2015 Expense Report

If there is an approved FY 2015 travel authorization in the system and the travel has been completed, the employee should enter an expense report from this travel authorization and it should be **approved for payment by 4:00pm Tuesday June 30, 2015**.

All FY 2015 Expense reports must be approved for payment by 4:00pm June 30, 2015.

All FY 2015 expense reports that cannot be approved for payment must be deleted by the employee or delegate or returned to the employee if submitted or approved and then **deleted by 4:00pm June 30, 2015**.

FY 2016 Expense Report

FY 2016 expense reports may be entered beginning **July 1, 2015**.

Help with Expense Module Transactions

Month End Closing Instructions

Please refer to the Month End Closing Instructions for the Expense Module to help you process expense module transactions that are not Approved or Approved for Payment. http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/vision_procedures/MonthEnd_ClosingInstructions ExpenseModule.pdf

VISION Support

Please contact VISION Support at 828-6700 option 2, option 2 or <u>Vision-Helpdesk-FIN@state.vt.us</u> for additional help with Expense Module transactions.

Helpful Hint: Remind supervisors to assign an alternate user to approve transactions if they will be unavailable.

Requisitions

FY 2015 Requisitions

All requisitions for FY 2015 purchases are due in the Office of Purchasing and Contracting of the Department of Buildings and General Services by the close of business **May 8, 2015**. **Reminder:** Requisitions must be approved and budget checked in the VISION system to be available to Purchasing.

For requisitions submitted by the May 8th deadline, the Office of Purchasing and Contracting will conduct the appropriate acquisition process and have Purchase Orders available for encumbrance in the VISION system by 7:00 PM June 2, 2015. Requisitions submitted after the May 8th deadline will be processed if there are sufficient resources and time available to meet the June 16, 2015 year end close deadline for FY 2015 purchase orders.

FY 2015 requisitions must be at a status of complete, budget checked and no longer appear on the VT Req Budgetary Activity Report by 7:00pm on June 16, 2015. Use the Requisition Reconciliation Workbench to close all requisitions that are returned by this report that are not at a status of complete. For year end close cleanup purposes, run this report for "Remaining Amount" >> \$0 and Req Status >> Complete. (See the Purchasing 102 Manual

http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/training manuals/Purchase%20Orders%20Manual%2010 2.pdf for more information on how to run this report and what you will see if you have no outstanding purchase orders.)

Help for FY 2015 Requisition Clean Up

If you need assistance in cleaning up your FY 2015 requisitions, please contact VISION Support at 828-6700, option 2, option 3 or Vision-Helpdesk-FIN@state.vt.us.

FY 2016 Requisitions

FY 2016 Requisitions may be entered beginning **July 1, 2015**.

Purchase Orders

FY 2015 Purchase Orders

Purchasing will create FY 2015 purchase orders by 7:00pm June 2, 2015, from FY 2015 requisitions received by May 8, 2015.

All FY 2015 purchase orders being rolled must be approved, budget checked and dispatched by departments by 7:00pm June 16, 2015. The creation of FY 2015 purchase orders will not be allowed after this date – this includes purchase orders for personal service contract payments. Please plan accordingly with your contractors – departments will be unable to enter purchase orders and contract payments from June 17 – June 30, 2015.

All purchase orders that are not being rolled to FY 2016, must be at a status of complete and budget checked and no longer appear on the VT PO Budgetary Activity Report by June 16, 2015. Purchase orders that appear on this report that are not at a status of complete and are not being rolled to FY 2016, must be closed through the PO Reconciliation Workbench.

Helpful Hint: The VT_MER_TA_OPEN_ENC query should be run in conjunction with the VT PO Budgetary Activity Report to reconcile to the encumbrance amount on your budget.

Help for FY 2015 Purchase Order Clean Up

If you need assistance in cleaning up your FY 2015 purchase orders, please contact VISION Support at 828-6700, option 2, option 3 or <u>Vision-Helpdesk-FIN@state.vt.us</u>.

FY 2015 PO Rollover

Important! - Read this section, and comply with the deadlines even if your department is not rolling any purchase orders.

All departments must run the VT PO Budgetary Activity Report to Excel through June 16, 2015 for their GL Business Unit. For year end close cleanup purposes, run this report for "Remaining Amount" >> \$0 and PO Status <> Complete. (See the Purchasing 102 Manual

http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/training manuals/Purchase%20Orders%20Manual%2010 2.pdf for information on how to run this report and what you will see if you have no outstanding purchase orders.)

Departments must close all of their PO's in VISION that are not rolling so that this report returns only those PO's that the department wants to roll – all other purchase orders must be at a complete status with a valid budget check.

Please verify the purchase orders that you want rolled by highlighting them in yellow on this report. This Excel report with the highlighted PO's must be e-mailed to Ruthellen Doyon at ruthellen.doyon@state.vt.us by 7:00pm on June 16, 2015. If the department does not wish to roll any purchase orders, please send an e-mail to Ruthellen indicating what your PO business unit is and that your department is not rolling any purchase orders. You must also make sure that all of your purchase orders are at a status of complete and valid budget check.

Please Note: It is every department's responsibility to make sure that all PO's, not rolling to FY 2016, are at a status of complete with a valid budget check. Financial Operations does not have the resources to do this clean up for departments.

Financial Operations will complete PO Rollover for all Business Units by June 30, 2015. Financial Operations will do journal entries to encumber the funds for the rolled PO's in FY 2015 so that the funds will be available in the departments' FY 2016 budgets.

Once spending authority has been established in FY 2016 to cover the rolled purchase orders, departments will be responsible for budget checking the rolled purchase orders.

Helpful Hint: The VT_MER_TA_OPEN_ENC query should be run in conjunction with the VT PO Budgetary Activity Report to reconcile to the encumbrance amount on your budget.

FY 2016 Purchase Orders

FY 2016 Purchase Orders may be entered beginning July 1, 2015.

Accounts Payable Vouchers

FY 2015 PO Vouchers

All FY 2015 **PO** vouchers must be entered, approved and budget checked by departments by **7:00pm June 16, 2015**. The creation of FY 2015 PO vouchers will not be allowed after this date – this includes PO vouchers for personal service contract payments. **Please plan accordingly with your contractors – departments will be unable to enter contract payments from June 17 – June 30, 2015.**

Contact Ruthellen Doyon at <u>ruthellen.doyon@state.vt.us</u> with questions regarding this deadline.

FY 2015 Regular Vouchers

All FY 2015 **regular vouchers** that have been approved and budget checked by **4:00pm June 30, 2015** will be posted to FY 2015. All FY 2015 vouchers that are not approved and/or do not have a valid budget check must be deleted by departments by **4:00pm June 30, 2015**.

FY 2015 Journal Vouchers

Departments must review all FY 2015 expenditures that have occurred in Accounts Payable before June 30, 2015. The last day to enter Journal Vouchers to correct FY 2015 expenditures that have occurred in A/P is June 30, 2015.

All **FY 2015 Journal Vouchers** must be approved and budget checked by **4:00pm June 30, 2015.**

FY 2015 Interfaced Vouchers

Vouchers interfaced into VISION with an accounting date of June 30, 2015 or prior must be loaded on or before June 30, 2015 and budget checked by 4:00pm June 30, 2015. Interfaced vouchers with a June 30, 2015 date or prior may not be loaded into VISION after June 30, 2015. **No voucher interfaces will be loaded on July 1**, since these vouchers would have a June 30, 2015 date. The regular interface schedule will be

implemented again starting at 12:00 am on Thursday July 2, 2015 – do not send any interface files before this date and time. (Exception: Treasurer's Office and DMV interfaces will run as scheduled.)

FY 2016 Vouchers

All FY 2016 Vouchers (PO and Regular) may be entered beginning July 1, 2015.

FY 2016 Vouchers for Prior Year Payables

The State's CAFR reports all accounts payable on its balance sheet as of June 30, 2015. In order for us to identify these amounts, departments must identify all vouchers entered in FY 2016 that pertain to prior year payables (goods or services received or performed prior to July 1, 2015) by using a PY prefix in the invoice number on vouchers. (Example: If invoice is 123ABC, then enter PY123ABC).

AP Journal Vouchers and Adjustment Vouchers:

When entering an AP Journal Voucher or an AP Adjustment Voucher to correct or adjust an AP voucher that is related to a prior year payable, a PY prefix should be used in the invoice number for the AP Journal Voucher or AP Adjustment Voucher.

Invoices That Span Multiple Years:

The splitting of invoices that span fiscal years has been an area of repeat audit findings. Careful analysis of invoice detail is required to have the proper amounts allocated to the correct fiscal years. Business Managers should work with the employees (project/program managers) that approved the invoices to ensure the invoices and invoice supporting materials are reviewed to determine the correct allocation of the liabilities. We have discovered during the audit that the summary invoice itself may not show the information necessary to make the allocation to the correct fiscal year, but the invoice supporting detail did. This is why it is very important for invoice supporting materials to be reviewed in addition to the invoice to determine the correct allocation across fiscal years. These invoices that cover a period including the fiscal year just ended and the new fiscal year that are clearly itemized by date and amount will require the preparation of a separate voucher for each fiscal year's amount. The voucher covering the goods received or services performed for the period prior to July 1, 2015 must have a prefix of PY in the invoice field.

Invoices that span multiple years, but cannot be determined to which year the goods were received or services were performed, should not be coded as a prior year payable – a prefix of PY should not be used in the invoice field. However this option should be the last resort and all efforts should be made to properly allocate the invoice to the correct fiscal periods.

Business managers are responsible for making sure all prior year payables are being entered correctly in VISION. In response to the audit finding, the financial reporting staff will be performing more analytical procedures while we are preparing the financial statements to try to avoid these findings in the future. As a result, we will be asking Business Managers to analyze underlying invoice supporting materials on more invoices than we have in the past.

The PY prefix should be used any time an invoice is for prior fiscal year goods and services. The financial reporting staff continues to review accounts payable data for

additional liabilities through completion of the CAFR Audit. If you find vouchers that didn't have the PY prefix, but should have, please notify us by using the Vouchers - PY missing.xls form available at:

http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/Vouchers%20-%20PY%20missing.xls , and email it to VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us.

Accounts Receivable Transactions

Unclaimed Property

Departments are required to search the unclaimed property list on the Treasurer's Office website https://secure.vermonttreasurer.gov/unclaimed/ownerSearch.asp to search for property listed as belonging to State of Vermont Agencies and Departments.

Search in various ways using the Last Name field. For example enter "Vermont" or "VT" or a word in your particular agency's or department's name in the Last Name field and hit search. Search the entire list returned for property belonging to your agency or department.

If property belonging to your agency or department is listed, follow the instructions on the website to claim the property. Enter the appropriate transaction in VISION to record receipt of the property.

Departments must search this list for property and take steps to claim the property at least annually.

FY 2015 Federal Draws

To the extent possible, departments should plan to process requests for federal draws relating to FY 2015 expenditures so that the funds will be deposited into the bank prior to June 30, 2015. This will ensure that the Treasurer's Office and the receiving department will have the opportunity to record all federal funds deposited in the bank for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. If this request causes conflict with CMIA compliance, CMIA takes precedence.

FY 2015 ACH and Wire Receipts

The Treasurer's office will enter deposits in VISION for all ACH and Wire receipts received through June 30, 2015 by 1:00pm on June 30, 2015. Departments must have payment worksheets for these deposits **set to post by 4:00pm on June 30, 2015**.

If the Treasurer's office must enter an FY 2015 deposit after 1:00pm on June 30, they will work with the receiving department to ensure that the department can meet the 4:00pm deadline.

FY 2015 Cash Receipts

All monies received on or prior to June 30, 2015 must be **deposited into the bank by 4:00pm, June 30, 2015**. All **VISION entries** pertaining to cash receipts deposited in banks on June 30, 2015 and prior must be **completed and budget checked by 5:00pm June 30, 2015**. There will be no exceptions.

If your department receives automatic deposits at the bank after the 4:00pm deadline on June 30 (for example lock boxes and credit card receipts), these deposits can be entered in VISION beginning July 1. The VISION deposit must be entered with a received date equal to the date it was received at the bank – June 30, 2015 – this date must be manually changed on the deposit. The deposit date and accounting date must remain the default and will be a July date.

FY 2015 Interfaced Deposits

Deposits interfaced into VISION with an accounting date of June 30, 2015 or prior must be loaded on or before June 30, 2015 and budget checked by 4:00pm June 30, 2015. Interfaced deposits with a June 30, 2015 date or prior may not be loaded into VISION after June 30.

FY 2015 Pending Items and Worksheets

All FY 2015 Pending Items and Worksheets must be **set to post by 4:00 pm June 30, 2015**. FY 2015 pending items and worksheets will not be able to be entered after this time.

FY 2015 Vendor Interunit Cash Account Receipts

Note: This applies only to departments that are set up as vendors to receive wire payments from other state agencies and departments.

Departments that are set up as vendors in VISION to receive wire payments from other state agencies and departments must **run the Payment History by Vendor report after 10:00am on June 30, 2015** to see all payments created with a payment date through June 30, 2015.

All receipts for all vendor payments with payment dates through June 30, 2015 must be **posted in VISION by 4:00pm June 30, 2015**.

FY 2016 Accounts Receivable Transactions

All FY 2016 Pending Items, Worksheets and Deposits may be entered beginning **July 1**, **2015**.

Billing Transactions

FY 2015 Billing Invoices

All FY 2015 invoices processed in the Billing module must be completed and **ready to post by 4:00 pm June 30, 2015**. FY 2015 billing invoices will not be allowed to be entered after this time.

FY 2016 Billing Invoices

All FY 2016 invoices processed in the Billing module may be entered beginning **July 1**, **2015**.

Inventory Transactions

FY 2015 Inventory Transactions

All FY 2015 inventory transactions processed in the Inventory module must be complete and **ready to post by 4:00 June 30, 2015**. FY 2015 inventory transactions will not be allowed to be entered after this time.

FY 2016 Inventory Transactions

All FY 2016 inventory transactions processed in the inventory module may be entered beginning **July 1, 2015**.

General Ledger Transactions

FY 2015 General Ledger Journals

FY 2015 General Ledger journals must be edited and budget checked by 4:00 pm June 30, 2015 with the exception of those general ledger transactions listed below. Those journals that are not listed as exceptions below and are not edited and/or not budget checked must be deleted by departments by 4:00pm June 30, 2015.

Exceptions:

- ONL Journals; departments may choose Adjusting Entry in the Adjusting Entry Box on the Header page of ONL journals. This will allow the journal to post to FY 2015 period 998. This must be done by 4:00pm June 30, 2015.
- ALO Journals; departments may choose Adjusting Entry in the Adjusting Entry Box on the Header page of ALO journals. This will allow the journal to post to FY 2015 period 998. This must be done by 4:00pm June 30, 2015.
- CAJ Journals (Treasurer's Office only); the department may choose Adjusting Entry in the Adjusting Entry Box on the Header page of CAJ journals. This will allow the journal to post to FY 2015 period 998. This must be done by 4:00pm June 30, 2015.
- TSF Journals; departments do not budget check or post TSF journals Financial Operations will take care of these.

FY 2015 Interfaced General Ledger Journals

Journals interfaced into VISION with an accounting date of June 30, 2015 or prior must be loaded on or before June 30, 2015 and budget checked by 4:00pm June 30, 2015. Interfaced Journals with a June 30, 2015 date or prior may not be loaded into VISION after June 30, 2015. **No journal interfaces will be loaded on July 1**, since these journals would have a June 30, 2015 date. The regular interface schedule will be implemented again starting at 12:00am on Thursday July 2, 2015 – do not send any interface files before this date and time.

FY 2015 TSF Journals

The last day to initiate a FY 2015 TSF journal will be **June 25, 2015**. All responding FY 2015 TSF journals must be entered by **4:00pm June 30, 2015**.

Last Payroll of FY 2015

The last payroll of FY 2015 will occur on June 25, 2015. In order to provide departments with additional time to process any corrections needed to allow payroll to post, we will process this last payroll in VISION by the **end of the day June 22, 2015** with journal dates of 6/25/2015.

Departments must run the VT_MER_JOURNALS_NOT_POSTED Query with a through date of 06/25/2015 to identify payroll journals that are in error.

All payroll journal corrections must be forwarded to Michelle White at michelle.white@state.vt.us in Financial Operations immediately. All payroll journals must be posted by 4:00pm June 30, 2015.

FY 2015 Adjustment Journals – ACTUALS Ledger

Period 998 will be available for departments who need to process FY 2015 ONL and ALO journal entries in the ACTUALS Ledger after June 30, 2015. To enter Period 998 ONL and ALO journal entries after June 30, 2015, follow general instructions for entering journals with two exceptions:

- 1. The journal date must be entered as 6/30/2015.
- 2. Choose Adjusting Entry in the Adjusting Entry Box on the Header Tab of the journal, and 998 will appear as the Period and the fiscal year will be 2015.

FY 2015 journals entered after June 30, 2015 which have not followed these instructions will be unposted or deleted from the system.

Departments will have until **7:00pm on July 14, 2015** to enter, edit, budget check and post FY 2015 period 998 journal entries in the ACTUALS Ledger. Departments will not be allowed to enter FY 2015 transactions in the ACTUALS Ledger after this date. There will be no exceptions.

FY 2015 Adjustment Journals - ACCRL/ADJ Ledger

Period 998 will be available only to those departments who prepare full accrual financial statements to be included in the CAFR and to those departments who enter journals for construction/development in process activity, and need to process FY 2015 ONL journal entries in the ACCRL/ADJ Ledger after June 30, 2015. To enter Period 998 ONL journal entries, follow general instructions for entering journals with two exceptions:

- 1. The journal date must be entered as 6/30/2015.
- 2. Choose Adjusting Entry in the Adjusting Entry box on the Header tab of the journal. The Period will appear as 998 and 2015 will be the fiscal year.

FY 2015 journals entered after June 30, 2015 which have not followed these instructions will be unposted or deleted from the system.

Departments will have until **7:00 pm on September 8, 2015** to enter, edit and budget check FY 2015 period 998 journal entries in the ACCRL/ADJ Ledger for full accrual financial statement adjustment entries other than capital asset related entries.

Departments will not be allowed to enter FY 2015 transactions in the ACCRL/ADJ Ledger after this date. There will be no exceptions.

FY 2015 Journals for Construction/Development in Process Activity

All capital asset related entries, including Construction/Development in Process entries, must be completed as specified in the Asset Management section of these instructions.

Departments that enter journal entries in the ACCRL/ADJ ledger to book Construction/Development in Process activity must have journals done by **June 12, 2015** to reflect all activity through April 15, 2015. Journals to book activity from April 16 through June 30 must be completed by **July 15, 2015**. A CAFR-4 form must be submitted documenting the cost of construction/development for the journal entries entered.

FY 2016 Journals

All FY 2016 General Ledger Journals may be entered beginning **July 1, 2015**.

FY 2016 TSF Journals for Prior Year Payables

Departments must identify all TSF journals entered in FY 2016 that pertain to prior year payables (goods or services received or performed prior to July 1, 2015) by using a PY in the Journal Class field on the Header tab of TSF journals. Both business units must enter the PY in the Journal Class field. (The business unit receiving the cash should not report this receivable on the CAFR-1form: See Receivables Reporting Requirements section.)

Invoices That Span Multiple Years: Invoices that cover a period including the fiscal year just ended and the new fiscal year that are clearly itemized by date and amount will require the preparation of a separate TSF journal entry for each fiscal year's amount. The TSF journal covering the goods received or services performed for the period prior to July 1, 2015 must have a PY in the journal class field. Invoices that span multiple years, but cannot be determined to which year the goods were received or services performed, should not be coded as a prior year payable. However this option should be the last resort and all efforts should be made to properly allocate the invoice to the correct fiscal periods.

FY 2016 Journals for 6/30/2015 Reconciliation of Accounting Systems Maintained Outside VISION

All departments who maintain an accounting system outside of VISION must reconcile the activity in their system to the VISION system balances as of June 30, 2015. All FY 2016 adjusting journal entries for reconciling items must be posted in VISION by **August 15, 2015** and they must be entered with a PY in the journal class field on the journal header.

Asset Management Transactions

Physical Inventory and Adjustments

Per the Asset Management Procedure, revised May 1, 2007, all departments must conduct an annual physical inventory between May 1, 2015 and June 1, 2015. Please use the VT_AM_ASSET_LIST query to complete this task.

Departments must properly **record all additions, deletions, and transfers** of assets needed based on the results of the physical inventory in VISION by **6:00pm June 15**, **2015**.

Additional Adjustments

All additional asset acquisitions, disposals and transfer entries needing to be done in VISION based on assets placed in service, assets retired and assets transferred during the time period between the completion of the physical inventory and 6/30/2015, must be completed in VISION by **4:00pm June 30, 2015**.

Requests for transfers of depreciable assets between departments (business unit to business unit in VISION) as required by reorganizations or consolidations which have been authorized by statute or legislation must be made to jamie.sheltra@state.vt.us in Financial Operations by June 6, 2015. Financial Operations will approve and process these transfers by June 30, 2015. Expensed assets being transferred from one department to another that still meet reporting requirements must be retired in the initial BU and then added in the receiving BU and these transactions are performed at the department level and must be completed per the transfer deadline above.

FY 2015 Construction/Development in Process Entries

The CAFR-4 instructions found on the F&M website provide the reporting requirements for recording CIP. Departments must enter all transactions for FY 2015 Capital Construction/Development in Process activity through April 15, 2015, in the asset management module by June 12, 2015. For April 16 – June 30, 2015 Capital Construction Project activity, transactions must be completed by 4:00m June 30, 2015, in the asset management module. This includes internally generated intangible asset projects, such as computer software development and implementation projects, with a total project cost of \$150,000 or more (including State personnel costs). Supporting documentation for the expenditures recorded must be submitted with the CAFR-4 Form.

Help for Clean Up and Recording of Assets

If you need assistance in cleaning up your FY 2015 assets, please call VISION Support at 828-6700, option 2, option 3 or <u>Vision-Helpdesk-FIN@state.vt.us</u>.

Reporting Information and Deadlines

Identification of Confidential Expenses

All departments must submit the Identification of Confidential Expenses form to Finance & Management by May 31, 2015. This form identifies expense accounts in VISION that are deemed confidential by statute or regulation and that must be excluded from statewide payment reporting.

Instructions are on the form itself, which can be found on the Finance & Management website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/vision/Ident_Conf_Excl_Form.pdf. The form must be signed by the Appointing Authority and submitted in hard copy by the due date.

NEW: The appointing authority's signature or designee's signature must match the signature on the department's Delegation of Authority For Signature Authorization Form submitted to the Secretary of Administration's Office per Bulletin 3.3 addendum dated April 20, 2015. If the signature does not match or the form is not on file, the Identification of Confidential Expenses Form will not be accepted.

Financial Reporting Questionnaire

This form notifies Finance & Management which year-end/accrual forms are required to be prepared by your department. In order for you to determine which forms are required, please refer to the description of each form in the sections that follow. If you answer "Yes" to any item, you will be required to certify and submit the corresponding report to Finance & Management by its deadline. You will not need to submit a report or additional certification related to any item for which you answer "No". If you respond "Yes" and later determine that the form is not applicable, you must submit the form certification page and indicate "not applicable" on the form page.

The FRQ must be completed by all departments and certified by the primary business manager or fiscal director. The deadline to file the FRQ is **May 29, 2015**. This form is available on the Finance website:

http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/FRQ.pdf.

All forms are located on the Finance website: http://finance.vermont.gov/forms. Please note that instructions for each form have been placed in a separate document. Some forms also require using the excel spreadsheet located on the Finance website to update the beginning balances.

Cash Reporting Requirements

FY 2015 Petty Cash Verification

FY 2015 Petty Cash Verification forms must be submitted to <u>jamie.sheltra@state.vt.us</u> or to Jamie Sheltra in Financial Operations at the address on the form by **July 30, 2015**. A reminder will be forwarded in early July to departments who have petty cash accounts.

The Petty Cash Verification Form can be found on the Finance & Management website at: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/petty_cash_form.doc Note: The Petty Cash Verification Form MUST be sent from an appointing authority's e-mail address (Finance's preferred method for receiving this form) or the paper document must be signed by an appointing authority if submitted by mail.

NEW: The appointing authority's signature or designee's signature must match the signature on the department's Delegation of Authority For Signature Authorization Form submitted to the Secretary of Administration's Office per Bulletin 3.3 addendum dated April 20, 2015. If the signature does not match or the form is not on file, the Petty cash Verification Form will not be accepted.

Special and Federal Funds' Cash Reporting Requirements

All special and federal funds should reflect a positive balance at June 30, 2015. Departments that close out the year with a negative cash balance in their special funds or federal funds must forward a **Receipt Confirmation Form**, to Budget and Management attention Brad Ferland, outlining the cause of the negative balance and what action will be taken to eliminate the negative balance. The form can be found on the Finance & Management website at:

 $\frac{http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/Receipts_Confirmation_Form.doc.}{This form must be submitted by {\bf July 28, 2015}.}$

Agency Funds' Cash Reporting Requirements

Departments with Agency Funds (funds that begin with 63) must prepare a detailed listing of payables and receivables if the cash balance at June 30, 2015 is not equal to zero. This listing must include the entity and amount owed to the fund (receivable), the vendor name and amount (payable), or if due to or due from another fund – the fund number, deptid, account number and amount. This listing must be submitted by **July 20**, **2015** via email to VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us.

Accounting Systems Maintained Outside Of VISION Reconciliation Reporting Requirements

All departments who maintain an accounting system outside of VISION must reconcile the activity in their system to the VISION system balances as of June 30, 2015, and make adjusting entries to VISION as needed. (See section under General Ledger Transactions.)

Full documentation of this reconciliation must be kept on hand and available for audit. The reconciliation and documentation must be **completed by August 15, 2015**.

Receivables Reporting Requirements

Important! – Please read this section and comply with the deadlines even if your department is not reporting any receivables.

Accounts receivable, unearned revenue and cash on hand information is collected by Financial Operations for CAFR reporting and audit purposes. The State's CAFR reports all accounts receivable net of any allowances for uncollectible amounts on its balance sheet as of 06/30/15. In addition the State recognizes the revenue or expense reimbursement related to these accounts receivable.

If your department does not have any of these types of balances, check "No" on the Financial Reporting Questionnaire.

Form CAFR-1

The CAFR-1 form should include information about amounts that were owed to the State from private persons, organizations, other governments, or other state agencies for goods or services furnished by the State on or before June 30, and for which payment has not yet been received by the State by June 30.

This form is available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR1 Form.xls

Instructions for this form are available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR1 Instructions.pdf

Internal service, enterprise and pension trust funds are not required to report their receivables on CAFR-1.

The name and phone number of the individual responsible for the information reported on the form must be entered in the certification section on the form and the spreadsheet emailed to <u>VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us</u> by **September 10, 2015**.

- Your submission must include a copy of your procedure for estimating allowances for uncollectible receivables.
- The CAFR-1 will include the 2014 accounts receivable, a column to compare your 2014 receivable to the 2015 receivable, and a column for an explanation for significant changes.

Your department is required to maintain a detail listing to support the amounts reported on the CAFR-1. This listing should be readily available should the amount be selected for detail testing by the auditor.

The Fund, Deptid and Account listings on the form are based on receivables in those chartfields reported in the 2014 financial statements. Please insert rows to add any receivables that do not have a Fund, Deptid, Account listed.

What should not be reported on the CAFR-1 form?

• Receivable balances from pending items and billing transactions that you have entered in VISION during FY 2015, such as federal draws, should not be reported on the CAFR-1. These are already included in the ACTUALS ledger balances.

• The business unit receiving the cash on a TSF journal that has **PY** entered in the Journal Class field **should not** report this receivable on the CAFR-1 form. These receivables are accrued based on the transaction being a PY journal class entry.

Asset Management Reporting Requirements

Asset Inventory Verification Form (Form AA-F-18)

When all asset information is complete in the VISION Asset Management Module based on the physical inventory taken between May 1 and June 1, departments with tangible and/or intangible assets must re-run the VT_AM_ASSET_LIST query to Excel and send a copy of this data with a signed Asset Inventory Verification Form to Rhonda Partlow in Financial Operations at rhonda.partlow@state.vt.us or at the address on the form by June 20, 2015.

If your department does not have any tangible or intangible assets, check "No" on the Annual Year-end Checklist.

The Asset Management Verification Form can be found on the Finance & Management website at: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/am_verification_form.doc

Note: The Asset Inventory Verification Form MUST be sent from an appointing authority's e-mail address (Finance's preferred method for receiving this form) or the paper document must be signed by an appointing authority if submitted by mail.

NEW: The appointing authority's signature or designee's signature must match the signature on the department's Delegation of Authority For Signature Authorization Form submitted to the Secretary of Administration's Office per Bulletin 3.3 addendum dated April 20, 2015. If the signature does not match or the form is not on file, the Asset Inventory Verification Form will not be accepted.

A copy of the Asset Management Procedure can be found on the Finance & Management website at this link http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/vision_procedures/VP_1_Asset_Mgmt.pdf. Please note that the Asset Inventory Verification Form is the last page of the Asset Management Procedure Document.

Intangible assets are easements, water rights, timber rights, software, websites, patents and trademarks. If you think that your department may have intangible assets to report, please refer to the Intangible Assets guide posted to the Finance and Management website at this link

http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/vision_procedures/Intangible_Asset_Guide.pdf

Impairment of Capital Assets and Insurance Recoveries (Form CAFR-3)

The State is required to evaluate prominent events or changes in circumstances affecting capital assets to determine whether impairment of the asset's usefulness or functionality has occurred. Any department that owns a capital asset **valued at greater than \$100,000** that has undergone impairment must submit a completed Capital Asset Impairment Form

(Form CAFR-3) with the signed Asset Inventory Verification Form by **June 20, 2015**. An asset impairment is *a significant, unexpected decline in the service utility of a capital asset* due to events such as; fire or flood, unanticipated technological obsolescence, enactment of new regulatory laws causing the asset to lose useful value, or construction stoppage on a capital improvement project due to some unexpected occurrence. In some cases, evaluations may require outside assistance from an appraiser and/or the Department of Finance & Management to determine significance and applicability. Guidance for identifying, measuring, and recording impairment of capital assets can be found in the guide posted to the Finance and Management website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/Capital Asset Impairment Guide.pdf

The CAFR-3 form is available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR3 Form.xls

Instructions for this form are available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR3 Instructions.pdf

Construction/Development in Process Form (Form CAFR-4)

In addition to completing the form, departments are required to provide a detailed listing from VISION of the current year expenditures reported on the CAFR-4 form. Please refer to the CAFR4 Instructions for construction/development related costs that should be capitalized (actual cost of construction or deliverables related to an internally generated intangible capital asset).

Completed projects must be capitalized and recorded in the Asset Management Module after the constructed asset is accepted and ready for its intended use. Software/development projects should be recorded as depreciable assets following the go-live date which is also defined as when the system is put into "production". Include the asset ID from VISION on the CAFR-4 Form for projects completed.

Note: The beginning balance/expenditures to date 6/30/14 have been provided. Please refer to the VISION link below.

If your department does not have any CIP transactions, check "No" on the Financial Reporting Questionnaire.

All departments with construction/development projects, (except BGS and AOT) must complete the Construction/Development in Process form and email it to <u>VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us</u> no later than **July 15, 2015. BGS and AOT** must complete their CIP roll forward forms and email them to <u>VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us</u> no later than **July 31, 2015.**

Please see the General Ledger and Asset Management Transactions sections above for the FY2015 Construction in Process VISION entry requirements and completion dates.

The CAFR-4 form is available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR4_Form.xls

Instructions for this form are available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR4_Instructions.pdf

Beginning balances required for completing the form have been provided and are available on the VISION website:

http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR4_BeginningBalance.xls

Leases - Form (Form CAFR-5)

Report all leases where the state/department is the lessee on Form CAFR5 for all departmental specific leases that <u>are both in effect on June 30, 2015 and will continue</u> into the subsequent year(s) and email to <u>VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us</u>, by **June 4, 2015**. Departments are also required to provide supporting transactions from VISION of the lease amount paid in FY15. The lease amount paid is required for leases that may have expired during FY15.

If your department does not have any leases or rental expenses, check "No" on the Financial Reporting Questionnaire.

Building office space leases, copier leases and postage meter leases should <u>only be</u> <u>reported by BGS</u> unless a department has entered directly into a lease agreement with the lessor. In this case, the department must report the lease on their Form CAFR-5 to be submitted by June 4, 2015 <u>AND</u> must send a complete hard copy of each lease reported to <u>VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us</u>. For capital leases include all chartfields for entering the lease in VISION's Asset Management Module including the interest rate, first payment date, and location of the asset. Capital leases must meet the same closing deadlines as all other assets.

The CAFR-5 form is available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR5 Form.xls

Instructions for this form are available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR5_Instructions.pdf

The Form should be e-mailed to VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us no later than **June 4, 2015**.

Contract & Grant Commitment Reporting Requirements

Along with lease commitments and litigation claims, the State is required by GASB to report on all contractual commitments from construction projects and any other significant contractual obligations (including grants) committed by the State.

Contractual Commitments - Form CAFR-6

<u>Construction commitments</u> include contracts for highway projects, school construction projects and other related construction projects through BGS and elsewhere throughout State government. <u>Other contractual commitments</u> that are non-construction related include personal service contracts and any other contract agreement, except for lease agreements, litigation liabilities, settlement claims and grant obligations.

Departments must run the VT_CONTRACT_OBLIG Query on July 1, 2015 to capture all contracts that are valid as of June 30, 2015. Include the VISION detail from the above

query supporting the sum released amount reported on the CAFR-6 Form, column S. The sum released amount represents the dollar amount of purchase orders issued against contract. If the sum released amount on the query is not reflective of the actual contractual obligation at year-end then the correction and the reason for the correction should be noted on the CAFR-6 Form submitted.

If your department does not have any contracts, check "No" on the Financial Reporting Questionnaire.

Any department with contractual commitments extending into FY 2016 and beyond must complete the form **CAFR-6 Contractual Commitments** and email it to <u>VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us</u> no later than **July 31, 2015.** Your submission should be based on the actual legal standing of these contracts which is not necessarily what is reported in VISION.

The CAFR-6 form is available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR6_Form.xls

Instructions for this form are available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR6_Instructions.pdf

Grant Commitments – Form CAFR-7

This form applies only to those departments that award grants to entities outside of State government. Grant Commitments include sub-grants awarded from federal or other outside grant funding sources, and grants awarded using state funds (such as general and special funds). Loans are reportable in the same way as a grant.

Departments are encouraged to begin working on the grant commitment form prior to the year-end close to ensure all modules are up-to-date and accurate. If there are awards that have not yet been entered into the Grant Tracking module, they must be entered prior to submitting the CAFR7 Form.

Refer to the CAFR7 Instructions and use the queries below to complete the CAFR-7 Form:

- Section I.A.1 CAFR Outstanding Balance 6/30/14: from CAFR7 Grant balance worksheet found on the F&M website.
- Section I.B Reconciling Items Run the query CAFR7_PY_AMEND to get a list
 of all prior year awards that were amended during the fiscal year, as entered in
 VISION. Reconciling items may include adjustments due to amendments of prior
 year awards, elimination of ending balances of closed out grants, reductions due
 to penalties, etc.
- Section II.A.1 Awards issued per Query To obtain the detail needed for completing the reconciliation, run the CAFR7_Awards query. The query will prompt for fiscal year beginning and ending dates.
- Section III.A.1 Grants Expended Run either the VT_ACCOUNT_EXP_ALLFIELDS_DTL or the VT_ACCOUNT_EXP_ALLFIELDS_DTL_C query for accounts 550% (and 6% for AHS). Enter the total expenditures in these accounts from the query.

If your department does not award any grants to entities outside state government, check "No" on the Financial Reporting Questionnaire.

Any department that has awarded grants with obligations in SFY 2015 and/or extending into FY 2016 and beyond must complete the form CAFR-7 Grant Commitment Form and e-mail it to <u>VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us</u> no later than **August 14, 2015**.

The links to the instructions and balances needed to complete the form are attached below:

The CAFR_7 form is available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR7_Form.xls

Instructions for this form are available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR7_Instructions.pdf

Beginning balances required for completing the form have been provided and are available on the VISION website:

http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR7_BeginningBalance.xls

Retainage Payable Listing - Form CAFR-8

Retainage payable is the amount due on a contract that has been withheld pending approval of the project or the lapse of a specified period. The unpaid amount is usually a stated percentage of the contract amount.

If your department does not have any Retainage, check "No" on the Financial Reporting Questionnaire.

On this form you must list the total amount of retainage being withheld by each contract at June 30, 2015 that has not been paid to the contractor on a FY 2016 voucher with a PY prefix on the invoice id.

The CAFR-8 form is available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR8 Form.xls

Instructions for this form are available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR8 Instructions.pdf

The completed spreadsheet must be e-mailed to <u>VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us</u> by **August 31, 2015**.

Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards (SEFA) Requirements - Form CAFR-9

The SEFA is a report of federal grant expenditures and is required as part of the State's annual Single Audit. The completed FY 2015 SEFA Form must be returned by email to VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us no later than **August 31, 2015**. Compliance with the August 31, 2015 deadline is crucial for timely completion of the single audit. Complete instructions and a checklist are also available on the website in order to help you complete your SEFA Form accurately.

If your department receives and expends federal grants, check "Yes" on the Financial Reporting Questionnaire and submit the completed SEFA Form no later than August 31, 2015. Otherwise, check "No" and you will not need to submit anything further.

The following SEFA documents will be available on the Finance & Management website:

CAFR-9 Form:

http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/SEFA_Form.xls

Instructions:

http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/SEFA_Instructions.pdf

Checklist:

http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/SEFA_Checklist.pdf

VISION Reconciliation Expenditure Report: (available in August 2015) http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/VISION_Recon_Exp_Report.pdf

<u>Please note</u> – The *VISION Reconciliation Expenditure Report* will be posted to the Finance & Management website in early August after FY 2015 expenditures are closed in VISION.

Pollution Remediation Obligation

A pollution remediation obligation is an obligation to address the current or potential detrimental effects of existing pollution by participating in pollution remediation activities. Pollution remediation activities include the following:

- a. Pre-cleanup activities, such as the performance of a site assessment, site investigation, and corrective measures feasibility study, and the design of a remediation plan;
- b. Cleanup activities, such as neutralization, containment, or removal and disposal of pollutants, and site restoration;
- External government oversight and enforcement-related activities, such as work performed by an environmental regulatory authority dealing with the site and chargeable to the government; and
- d. Operation and maintenance of the remedy, including required monitoring of the remediation effort (post remediation monitoring).

Departments must recognize and report a liability for a pollution remediation obligation when a site it operates or is responsible for is known to be polluted **and any** of the following recognition triggers occur:

- 1. The pollution poses an imminent danger to the public or environment and the department has little or no discretion to avoid fixing the problem.
- 2. The department is in violation of a pollution prevention-related permit or license.

- 3. A regulator has identified (or evidence indicates a regulator will identify) the department as responsible (or potentially responsible) for cleaning up pollution, or for paying all or some of the cost of the clean up.
- 4. The department is named in a lawsuit (or evidence indicates that it will be) to compel it to address the pollution.
- 5. The department begins or legally obligates itself to begin clean up or post-clean up activities.

Pollution Remediation Obligations (Form CAFR-10)

At least annually, departments should consider whether they have any new pollution remediation obligations and analyze any changes to previously reported pollution remediation obligations. The Department of Finance & Management has established a reporting threshold of \$100,000 in estimated costs over the life of the pollution remediation activities.

If your department does not have potential pollution remediation obligations, check "No" on the Financial Reporting Questionnaire and you do not need to submit anything further.

If you checked yes on this questionnaire, you must submit the completed Pollution Remediation Obligations Form no later than **July 31, 2015**.

The CAFR-10 form is available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR10 Form.xls

Instructions for this form are available on the VISION website: http://finance.vermont.gov/sites/finance/files/pdf/forms/cafr/CAFR10 Instructions.pdf

Proprietary Funds' Financial Statement Requirements

FY 2015 Financial Statements

All **Financial Statements with supporting documentation** must be submitted by **September 8, 2015**. The Department of Finance and Management's Statewide Reporting staff is required to review the financial statements and analytical explanations that departments provide prior to submitting them to the Auditors. If you have multiple funds, please send each fund as it is completed. Do not wait until you have all of your funds done. We appreciate your efforts in providing all of the information requested no later than this due date.

Requirements for Proprietary Funds' financial statements prepared by agencies and departments include but are not limited to the following:

• **NVISION reports** – Please run the nVISION reports for the balance sheet and income statement. These reports were designed to rollup the detail accounts to the lines as reported in the CAFR.

- Completion of the comparative analytical financial statement template. (The Microsoft Excel spreadsheet file will be emailed to your department.) This template is a spreadsheet tool, which provides the prior year's financial statements in the same format as presented in the CAFR and ensures consistency in the presentation of the current year's financial statements. Cells which require data to be input are marked and the template is designed to identify instances where the financial statements do not balance or where data is not consistently presented on all of the components of the financial statements. When completing this template, please enter whole dollar numbers only (do not include cents).
- Written analytical explanations for significant account balance changes on the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. Please provide explanations for significant balance changes that are greater than 10% but not less than \$1,000 increase or decrease from the prior year.
- For cash balances in bank accounts not managed by the State Treasurer or not in VISION: please provide a listing of 6/30/15 bank account balances.
- A capital asset and associated accumulated depreciation roll-forward analysis with balances agreeing to the financial statements. The template file that will be emailed to your department contains a capital asset roll-forward worksheet. This sheet will assist you in verifying that additions, deletions and other adjustments to capital assets agree with applicable financial statement line items such as depreciation expense, acquisition of capital assets, proceeds from the sale of capital assets and gain (loss) from sale of capital assets. (See Capital Assets and CIP sections above for entry cutoff dates and requirements.)
- Funds with a deficit total net position or deficit unrestricted net position Provide a written deficit reduction plan to be included in the footnotes to the financial statements.

Template files will be emailed to the business manager of those departments that prepare these fund-types statements. Additional footnote disclosure requirements will also be sent to the business managers of the related proprietary and fiduciary funds.

The financial statement package for these funds must be emailed to <u>VISION-CAFR@state.vt.us</u> by **September 8, 2015.**

FY 2015 Information Available for Audit

You should keep the following information available for the auditors, should they request to review these items:

- Detail listings supporting aged accounts receivable, inventories, prepaid
 accounts, and accounts payable financial statement balances schedules. For
 accounts requiring adjusting entries please include reconciliations which tie
 back to the financial statements for all balance sheet (Statement of Net
 Position) accounts.
- For cash balances in bank accounts not managed by the State Treasurer or not in VISION: a copy of your reconciliation to the book balance for each bank account.
- Reconciliation of the NVISION trial balance to the financial statements.

Time Line

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Annually	Departments search for unclaimed property and make claims for any found belonging to department.	Unclaimed Property	20
5/01/15 - 6/01/15	Departments conduct physical inventory of capital and expensed assets tracked in Asset Management Module	Physical Inventory and Adjustments	25
5/08/15	Requisitions for FY 2015 purchases due in Purchasing - No new requisitions after this date	FY 2015 Requisitions	16
5/15/15	FY 2016 changes to Organizational Budget structure due in Finance	FY 2016 Organizational Budget Structure Changes	13
5/15/15	FY 2016 changes to VISION Chartfields & payroll Combo Codes due in Finance	FY 2016 Chartfield and Payroll Combo Code Changes	13
5/29/15	Financial Reporting Questionnaire (FRQ) is due in Finance	Financial Reporting Questionnaire	26
5/31/15	Identification of Confidential Expenses Form	Identification of Confidential Expenses	26
6/01/15	Last day to conduct physical inventory of capital and expensed assets tracked in Asset Management Module	Physical Inventory and Adjustments	25
6/02/15	Purchasing creates FY 2015 PO's from FY 2015 Req's received	FY 2015 Requisitions FY 2015 Purchase Orders	16 16
6/04/15	Leases form CAFR-5 due in Finance	Leases – Form (Form CAFR-5)	31
6/06/15	Requests for transfers of depreciable assets between departments are due in Finance	Additional Adjustments	25

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6/12/15	All FY 2015 Entries in the Asset Management Module and to the GL in the ACCRL/ADJ Ledger for Capital	FY 2015 Journals for Construction/Development in Process Activity	24
	Construction/Development in Process activity through April 15, 2015 are completed	FY 2015 Construction/Development in Process Entries	25
6/15/15	Additions, deletions, transfers of FY 2015 assets per completed physical inventory must be done in VISION	Physical Inventory and Adjustments	25
6/16/15	Last date to enter FY 2015 PO's	FY 2015 Purchase Orders	16
6/16/15	Last date to enter FY 2015 PO Vouchers	FY 2015 PO Vouchers	18
6/16/15	All FY 2015 Req's are completed	FY 2015 Requisitions	16
6/16/15	All FY 2015 PO's are completed	FY 2015 Purchase Orders	16
6/16/15	VT PO Budgetary Activity Report as of 6/16/14 due in Finance	FY 2015 PO Rollover	17
6/16/15	FY 2015 DAB 26 Transfer Requests due in Finance	DAB 26 Transfer Forms and Excess Receipt Forms	11
6/16/15	FY 2015 Excess Receipt Requests Due in Finance	DAB 26 Transfer Forms and Excess Receipt Forms	11
6/17/15 -	Departments may not enter Purchase Orders or PO	FY 2015 Purchase Orders	16
6/30/15	vouchers to pay contract payments	FY 2015 PO Vouchers	18
6/20/15	FY 2015 Asset Inventory Verification Form including	Asset Inventory Verification Form (AA-F-18)	29
	Impairment of Capital Assets and Insurance Recoveries	Impairment of Capital Assets and Insurance	29
	Form (CAFR-3) and VT_AM_ASSET_LIST Query data due in Finance	Recoveries (Form CAFR-3)	
6/20/15	FY 2016 demand driven expenditure authority requests are due in Finance	Demand Driven Spending Authority	11

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6/22/15	Last payroll of FY 2015 is processed in VISION	Last Payroll of FY 2015	23
6/25/15	Last day to initiate TSF journals	FY 2015 TSF Journals	22
6/26/15	FY 2015 demand driven expenditure authority requests are due in Finance	Demand Driven Spending Authority Requests	11
6/26/15	FY 2015 special fund spending authority transfer requests are due in Finance	Special Fund Spending Authority Transfer Request Forms	11
Prior to 6/30/15	Process requests for Federal draws related to FY 2015 expenditures	FY 2015 Federal Draws	20
6/30/15	All Cash Advances needed for travel on July 1 must be approved for payment no later than 7:45am. All other Cash Advances must be approved for payment by 4:00pm	FY 2015 Cash Advances	15
6/30/15	All Travel Authorizations entered 6/30/2015 and prior for travel in FY 2016 must be approved by 4:00pm.	FY 2015 Travel Authorizations	14
6/30/15	All Travel Authorizations for travel already completed must be cancelled.	Year End Clean Up	14
6/30/15	All Expense reports must be approved for payment by 4:00pm	FY 2015 Expense Reports	15
6/30/15	All FY 2015 Regular vouchers must be approved and budget checked by 4:00pm. None may be entered after this time.	FY 2015 Regular Vouchers	18
6/30/15	All FY 2015 Journal Vouchers must be approved and budget checked by 4:00pm. None may be entered after this time.	FY 2015 Journal Vouchers	18
6/30/15	FY 2015 responding TSF journals entered by 4:00pm	FY 2015 TSF Journals	22

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6/30/15	All FY 2015 Payroll Journals are posted by 4:00pm	Last Payroll of FY 2015	23
6/30/15	All FY 2015 General Ledger Journals must be edited and budget checked by 4:00	FY 2015 General Ledger Journals	22
6/30/15	Additions, deletions, and transfers of FY 2015 assets from activity between the time of physical inventory and 6/28/12 are completed in VISION by 4:00pm. This includes assets for Construction in Process(CIP).	Additional Adjustments FY 2015 Construction/Development in Process Entries	25 25
6/30/15	The Treasurer's Office will enter deposits for all ACH and Wire receipts received through 6/30/14 by 1:00pm	FY2015 ACH and Wire Receipts	20
6/30/15	All FY 2015 pending items and worksheets must be posted by 4:00pm. None may be entered after this time.	FY 2015 ACH and Wire Receipts FY 2015 Pending Items and Worksheets	20 21
6/30/15	All FY 2015 receipts for vendor interunit cash account payments must be posted by 4:00pm. None may be entered after this time. The Payment History by Vendor report can be run after 10am to identify receipts to be posted.	FY 2015 Vendor Interunit Cash Account Receipts	21
6/30/15	All FY 2015 invoices in the Billing Module must be ready to post by 4:00pm. None may be entered after this time.	FY 2015 Billing Invoices	21
6/30/15	All FY 2015 inventory transactions must be ready to post by 4:00pm. None may be entered after this time.	FY 2015 Inventory Transactions	22
6/30/15	All FY 2015 cash receipts are processed at the bank by 4:00pm and in VISION by 5:00pm	FY 2015 Cash Receipts	20
6/30/15	Last day to interface FY 2015 transactions	FY 2015 Interfaced Vouchers FY 2015 Interfaced Deposits FY 2015 Interfaced General Ledger Journals	18 21 22

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6/30/15	FY 2015 PO Rollover is completed for all departments	FY 2015 PO Rollover	17
7/01/15 – 7/14/15	Enter closing ACTUALS Ledger FY 2015 transactions into Period 998	FY 2015 Adjustment Journals - ACTUALS	23
7/01/15 – 9/08/15	Enter closing ACCRL/ADJ Ledger FY 2015 transactions into Period 998	FY 2015 Adjustment Journals – ACCRL/ADJ	23
7/01/15	FY 2016 Appropriations are available	Appropriations	11
7/01/15	FY 2016 organizational budgets may be entered	Organizational Budgets	11
7/01/15	FY 2016 Travel Authorizations, Cash Advances and Expense Reports may be entered	FY 2016 Travel Authorizations FY 2016 Cash Advances FY 2016 Expense Reports	15 15 15
7/01/15	Departments may enter FY 2016 Purchase Orders	FY 2016 Purchase Orders	18
7/01/15	Departments budget check PO's rolled from FY 2015 after organizational budgets are entered	FY 2015 PO Rollover	17
7/01/15	Departments may enter FY 2016 Requisitions	FY 2016 Requisitions	16
7/01/15	Departments may enter FY 2016 vouchers	FY 2016 Vouchers	19
7/01/15	Departments may enter FY 2016 pending items, worksheets and deposits	FY 2016 Accounts Receivable Transactions	21
7/01/15	Departments using the Billing Modules may enter FY 2016 invoices	FY 2016 Billing Invoices	21
7/01/15	Departments using the Inventory Module may enter FY 2016 inventory transactions	FY 2016 Inventory Transactions	22
7/01/15	Departments may enter FY 2016 general ledger journals	FY 2016 Journals	24

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7/01/15	Departments must run the VT_CONTRACT_OBLIG query on this date in order to complete CAFR-6	Contractual Commitments – Form CAFR-6	31
7/14/15	Last day to enter FY 2015 ACTUALS Ledger period 998 transactions	FY 2015 Adjustment Journals - ACTUALS	23
7/14/15	Month End Closing Instructions are complete for month ending June 30, 2015	Month End Closing Instructions	9
7/15/15	All FY 2015 journal entries to ACCRL/ADJ Ledger for Construction/Development in Process activity from April 16 through June 30, 2015 are completed	FY 2015 Journals for Construction/Development in Process Activity	24
7/15/15	Construction/Development in Process Form (CAFR-4) due in Finance	Construction/Development in Process Form (CAFR-4)	30
7/17/15	Carry Forward from FY 2015 is available	Carry Forward from FY 2015	12
7/20/15	Listing of payables and receivables for all Agency Funds with a cash balance not equal to zero is due in Finance	Agency Funds' Cash Reporting Requirements	27
7/28/15	FY 2015 Receipt Confirmation Form due in Budget and Management office	Special and Federal Funds' Cash Reporting Requirements	27
7/30/15	FY 2015 Petty Cash Verification Forms Due in Finance	FY 2015 Petty Cash Verification	27
7/31/15	Contractual Commitments Form CAFR-6 due in Finance	Contractual Commitments – Form CAFR-6	31
7/31/15	Pollution Remediation Obligations Form CAFR-10 due in Finance	Pollution Remediation Obligations (Form CAFR-10)	35
7/31/15	CIP Roll Forward Forms (BGS & AOT only) due in Finance	Construction/Development in Process Form (CAFR-4)	30

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8/14/15	Grant Commitments Form CAFR-7 due in Finance	Grant Commitments – Form CAFR-7	32
8/15/15	Accounting systems maintained outside of VISION are reconciled to VISION as of 6/30/14	Accounting Systems Maintained outside of VISION Reconciliation Reporting Requirements	27
8/15/15	Journals for 6/30/14 reconciliation of accounting systems to VISION must be complete	FY 2016 Journals for 6/30/2015 Reconciliation of Accounting Systems maintained Outside VISION	24
8/31/15	FY 2015 Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards (SEFA) Form (CAFR-9) are due in Finance	Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards (SEFA) Requirements – Form CAFR-9	33
8/31/15	Retainage payable form CAFR-8 due in Finance	Retainage Payable Listing – Form CAFR-8	33
9/08/15	Last day to enter FY 2015 ACCRL/ADJ Ledger period 998 transactions	FY 2015 Adjustment Journals – ACCRL/ADJ Ledger	23
9/10/15	Accounts receivable form CAFR-1 due in Finance	Form CAFR-1	28
9/08/15	Proprietary Funds' financial statement reporting package due in Finance	FY 2015 Financial Statements	35